

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 12, 2004 (Paper No. 8). Claims 31 to 33 have been withdrawn from examination. Claims 1 to 9, 11 to 19, 21 to 29 and 34 to 48 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 11, 21, 34, 38, 39, 43, 44 and 48 are the independent claims. Claims 10, 20 and 30 to 33 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Claims 34 to 48 are being added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

With regard to a formal matter, the Form PTO-892, Notice of References Cited, included with the March 12, 2004 Office Action did not list U.S. Patent No. 6,327,044 (Shima), although Shima is applied against certain of the claims in the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a Form PTO-892 be provided, which lists Shima and identifies it as art considered by the Examiner.

With respect to the drawings, an objection was lodged against Figure 2. Applicant submits herewith a substitute drawing sheet to attend to the objection. Approval of the substitute drawing sheet, and withdrawal of the drawing objection, are respectfully requested.

An objection was lodged against the Abstract of the Invention. In response, the Abstract is being amended herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication by the Office Action that Claims 1 to 9, 11 to 19 and 21 to 29 are allowed.

Claims 10, 20 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,327,044 (Shima). Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, Claims 10, 20 and 30 are being canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

New Claim 34 defines a computer having a PDL mode, in which a drawing command is converted into a PDL data and the converted PDL data is transmitted to a printer, and an image mode, in which a drawing command is converted into image data and the converted image data is transmitted to the printer. The computer comprises a first computing unit, a second computing unit, and a selection unit. The first computing unit computes a processing time in the image mode, and the second computing unit computes a processing time in the PDL mode. The selection unit selects the PDL mode when the processing time in the image mode computed by the first computing unit is longer than the processing time in the PDL mode computed by the second computing unit, and selecting the image mode when the processing time in the image mode computed by the first computing unit is not longer than the processing time in the PDL mode computed by the second computing unit.

The applied art is not seen to teach each and every feature of new Claim 34. Accordingly, Claim 34 is believed to be in condition for allowance. In addition, Claims 39 and 44, which are method and computer program claims which have similar features to those of Claim 34, are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

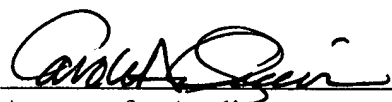
Claim 38 defines a computer that has a PDL mode, in which a drawing command is converted into a PDL data and the converted PDL data is transmitted to a printer, and an image mode, in which a drawing command is converted into an image data

and the converted image data is transmitted to the printer. The computer comprises a judging unit and a selection unit. The judging unit judges whether an improper printing occurs in the PDL mode. The selection unit selects the image mode when the judging unit judges that an improper printing occurs in the PDL mode, and selects the PDL mode when the judging unit judges that an improper printing does not occur in the PDL mode.

The applied art is not seen to teach each and every feature of new Claim 38. Accordingly, Claim 38 is believed to be in condition for allowance. In addition, Claims 43 and 48, which are method and program claims which have similar features to those of Claim 38, are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

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